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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (PARA 1)

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SUBJECT: CYPRUS SITUATION: FRIDAY DEVELOPMENTS

POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS

1. TURKISH TERRITORIAL OBJECTIVES: WE HAVE BEEN TRYING
TO DETERMINE WHAT TURKISH TERRITORIAL OBJECTIVES ARE. WE
CONTINUE TO THINK THAT THEY CONSIST OF UNFETTERED CONTROL
OF A SWATH FROM GREEN LINE IN NICOSIA TO NORTH COAST.
CLERIDES YESTERDAY TOLD AMBASSADOR HE HAD A MAP OF TURKISH
REQUIREMENTS, AND A UN OFFICER (WECKMANN WAS WITH CLERIDES
AT THE MEETING) HAS MENTIONED THAT DENKTASH SAID THEY

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WANTED A "15 MILE CORRIDOR TO THE SEA." IF SO, THIS WOULD

LEAVE THE OLD GREEK ROAD TO KYRENIA VIA MYRTOU AND THE NEW ROAD VIA KYTHREA IN GREEK HANDS AS FAR AS THE PENTADACTYLOS RANGE, BUT DOMINATED BY TURKISH POSITIONS. TURKISH DCM KARACA GAVE US DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENTS IN THESE TERMS, BUT ADDED OMINOUS NOTE THAT TURKISH GENERAL STAFF MIGHT RETALIATE IF GREEKS DID NOT LEAVE OTHER ENCLAVES IN STATUS QUO ANTE. (SEE PARA 3.) IF THESE CONDITIONS ARE MET, HE SUGGESTED THAT TURKS WOULD NOT INSIST ON HOLDING NEW GAINS EXCEPT OF ACCESS TO SEA, ONCE A FORMAL AGREEMENT REACHED.

2. CLERIDES GOVT OBVIOUSLY IS WILLING TO LIVE WITH THE TERRITORIAL CESSIONS DESCRIBED ABOVE IF THE SITUATION CAN BE STABILIZED AT THAT PRICE. FOMIN DIMITRIOU IN CONVERSATION WITH DCM WAS NOT PARTICULARLY CONCERNED EVEN AT PROSPECT OF A SOMEWHAT GREATER EXTENSION WESTWARD, BUT WAS AFRAID THAT TURKISH OBJECTIVES WOULD ESCALATE AS THEY FOUND THEMSELVES SUCCESSFUL IN THIS FIRST BITE. HE WAS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT RUMORS (WHICH SOUNDED INSUBSTANTIAL TO US) OF PLANNED TURKISH ATTACK TO GAIN CONTROL OVER GREATER PART OF NICOSIA, AND ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF CAPTURE OF KYTHREA TO LINK EXPANDED ENCLAVE WITH OLD CHATOS ENCLAVE. THIS STORY HAS HILTON HIVE BUZZING THIS EVENING.

3.. STATUS OF OTHER ENCLAVES: UNFICYP BRIEFING OFFICER SAYS THAT WITH EXCEPTION OF KARPASS ON WHICH THEY HAVE NO INFORMATION, UNFICYP IS SATISFIED THAT TURKISH FIGHTER ORGANIZATIONS HAVE SURRENDERED IN ALL ENCLAVES EXCEPT EASTERN HALF OF CHATOS ENCLAVE AND FAMAGUSTA OLD TOW, AND THAT THERE IS NO OBSTACLES TO GREEKS EXTENDING AUTHORITY TO SURRENDERED ENCLAVES. FROM CONVERSATIONS TODAY WITH TURKISH DCM AND TURK CYPRIOTS OREL AND UNEL, WE THINK A REAL CRISIS MAY SHAPE UP OVER THE MINOR ENCLAVES. TURKISH DCM DEMANDS IN STRONGEST TERMS THAT GREEK ELAVE THEM ALONE. OREL AND UNEL HAVE BEEN GETTING REPORTS OF SUFFERING IN ENCLAVES, AND MOOD IS GROWING MORE SOMBER. THE PROBLEM WITH A LIMITED ACTION HAS ALREADY BEEN PRECISELY THIS PATTERN OF ACTION AND REACTION, A PROBLEM OF MINOR ENCLAVES MAY WELL IGNITE FEELINGS WHICH WILL DESTROY PRESENT EFFORT TO CONTAIN AND CONTROL SITUATION CAUSED BY TURKISH INVASION.

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4. TURKISH AMB INHAN HAS PROPOSED TO WECKMANN (AND REITERATED REQUEST TO AMB) THAT JOINT TEAMS BE FORMED UNDER UNFICYP AEGIS TO INSPECT CONDITIONS IN ENCLAVES. TURKISH DCM UNDERSCORED THIS PROPOSAL BUT MADE CLEAR NICOSIA ENCLAVE WOULD BE OFF LIMITS (I.E., NO TO ANY PROPOSAL FOR FORMALLY INSPECTING CONDITIONS OF GREEKS PARTICULARLY AT BELLAPAIIS WHICH HAS BEEN BYPASSED AND CONTAINS SOME 5,000 UNARMED GREEK CYPRIOT CIVILIANS, HOWEVER, UNFICYP FOOD

CONVOY SCHEDULED TOMORROW.) THIS PROPOSAL MAY OFFER SOME PROMISE OF TYING IN WITH SIMILAR PROPOSAL FOR JOINT PARTICIPATION IN RELIEF COMMITTEE, BUT RIGHT NOW TURKISH INTENT IS TO DOCUMENT SITUATION SO THEY CAN DEMAND REDRESS.

5. CLERIDES PRESS CONFERENCE: CLERIDES GAVE SECOND PRESS CONFERENCE THIS MORNING. PRESSED FOR TURK RETURN TO CEASEFIRE POSITIONS AS OF 1600 JULY 22 AND WARNED THAT GREEK PATIENCE COULD RUN OUT IN FEW HOURS. TONE HOWEVER WAS CONCILIATORY. HE WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO SAY HE THOUGHT DENKTASH WANTED PEACE AND THAT CONTUNUED VIOLATIONS SHOULD BE BLAMED ON ANKARA. ALSO MADE PLEA FOR GREEK AND TURK CYPRIOT FRIENDSHIP. SAID HE HAD PROPOSED THAT UN SUPERVISE BUFFER ZONE, AND TUKS HAD NOT ANSWERED BUT HE CONTINUING CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS INDICATED THEIR RESPONSE.

6. INTERNAL DISCIPLINE: DATT CONTACT SAID NATIONAL GUARD IS BRINGING BANDS OF ARMED CIVILIANS UNDER CONTROL. ACTING FONOFF DIRGEN PIERIDES PUT SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT GLOSS ON THIS BY REMARKING THAT LEFTISH HAD GOTTEN ARMS DURING GENERAL DISTRIBUTION TO REPEL TURKS, THAT GOVT WAS MOVING SYSTEMATICALLY TO RECOVER THESE ARMS, THOUGH IT WAS NOT CERTAIN IT COULD GET THEM FROM COMMUNISTS. MINISTER OF INTERIOR HAS PUBLISHED BAN ON MOVEMENT BY ARMED CIVILIANS. NONETHELESS, MANY SUCH INDIVIDUALS ARE MUCH IN EVIDENCE PARTICULARLY AROUND NEW GOVT OFFICIALS. WE WATCHED ONE DIRECTING TRAFFIC BY WAVING A SUBMACHINE GUN, FINGER ON TRIGGER.

7. SITUATION IN KYRENIA: BRITHISH HICOMER EMERGED FOR FIRST TIME (HICOM HAD BEEN IN CENTER OF BATTLES) AND GAVE FOLLOWING DECRPTION OF SITUATION IN KYRENIA FROM BRITS THERE: THERE IS LITTLE STRUCTURAL DAMAGE, ALTHOUGH BUILDINGS POKED BY BULLETS. RANGE BEHIND BURNED THROUGH THREE DAYS
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AND MOST VEGETATION DESTROYED. GREEK CYPRIOTS FROM "HILLS" CROWDED INTO BELLAPAIIS WITH SOME INJURED REPORTED. TURKS SURROUND BUT HAVE NOT TAKEN TOWN. INsofar AS OUR DELIVERATION ON WHETHER TO DETERMINE WHETHER DISASTER SITUATION EXISTED, OLVER SAID ALTHOUGH UN REPORT ON CONDITIONS ISLAND-WIDE NOT READY, FACT THAT THERE IS NO ELECTRIC POWER MEANS THAT ENTIRE AREA WILL BE WITHOUT WATER WHICH IS PUMPED FROM DEEP WELLS.

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8. RELIEF EFFORTS: UK HICOM HAS SUGGESTED MEETING OF POTENTIAL DONORS TO LOOK AT RELIEF ISSUE. UNFICYP, UK AND EMBASSY REPS HAVE BEEN NAMED AND UNFICYP HAS PROMISED A SUMMARY OF SITUATION AND OF CRITICAL NEEDS.

9. MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS

9. TURKISH MOVEMENTS: MILITARY MOVEMENTS WERE CONSISTENT WITH DESCRIPTION PARA 1 OF THEIR INTENTIONS. THEY ATTACKED AND OCCUPIED AYIOS ERMOLAOS IN WESTERN MESAORIA, BUT FEARED ATTACK ON KYTHREA (WHICH WOULD HAVE HAD MUCH MORE SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS AS TO THEIR INTENTIONS) DID NOT MATERIALIZE. NO PRESENT INDICATIONS AS TO FURTHER MOVEMENTS, BUT WE ASSUME THEY WILL CONTINUE TO STABILIZE AREA DESCRIBED PARA 1, INCLUDING SWEEP AGAINST GREEKS STILL REPORTEDLY ENTRENCHED
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IN WESTERN PENTACYTLOS. TURKISH MOVEMENT EASTWARD FROM

KYRENIA HAS STOPPED AT JUNCTION OF "NEW GREEK ROAD" AND THE COAST ROAD, JUST WEST OF 6-MILE BEACH, AND UNFICYP IS INTERPOSED BETWEEN FORCES.

10. TURKISH MILITARY LIAISON: TURKISH DCM TELLS US THAT TURKISH COLONEL HAS BEEN APPOINTED T LAISON POST WITH UNFICYP, WILL BE LOCATED IN TURKISH EMBASSY AND EXPEDITE COMMUNICATIONW WITH MILITARY FOR EMBASSY AS WELL. TURKISH MILITARY COMMANDER HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH PREM CHAND, AND LATTER L CHEDULED TO CALL ON HIM AT 1800 LOCAL.

11. LEAFLET DROPS: EMBOFF SAW TURKISH HELICOPTER IN RATHER DARING DISPLAY DROPPING LEAFLETS CLOST TO GREEK POSITIONS ON LARNACA ROAD OUTH OF NICO -. LEAFLETS PROCLAIMED FRIENDSHIP.

12. DIPLOMATIC. YOUNGOSLAV MAMB MADIC SAYS HE IS URGING ALL CONTACTS TO SUPPORT CLERIDES AS ONLY MAN ON GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE WHO HAS CHANCE OF PULLING THROUGH PRESENT CRISIS. TO AMBASSADOR HE SAYS HE IS MOST PESSIMISTIC AND DOUBTS THAT CLERIDES CAN PREVENT COLLAPSE OF ORGANIZED GOVT. RETURN OF MAKARIOS WOULD PRECITIPATE INTRA GREEK FIGHTING AND ENSURE CHAOS. ALTHOUGH SUPPORTING CLERIDES INFORMALLY, YUGOSLAV WILL NOT RECOGNIZEHD S GIVT SINCE IT IS SAME AS CONSITUTED BY "PUTSCHISTS" WITH ONLY TOP CHANGED. AGREED UNTIL TURKISH PRESSURE REDUCED, ANY MOVE BY CLERIDES TO REPLACE EXTREMISTS AND USE NG TO CONTROL RIGHTISTS ARMED IRREGULARS COULD BRING HIS OUSTER. MANDIC WAS UNAWARE U.S. HAD RESUMED WORKING RELATIONS WITH GOC.

13. ISRAELI CHARGE CONSULTED ON RECOMMENDATION HE SHOULD MAEK TO JERUSALEM ON RESUMING WORKING RELATIONS WITH GOC. AGREED OUR RATIONALE SOULD BUT WAS TROUBLED BY FACTS ON PAST OCCASIONS WHEN CLERIDES ACTED FOR MAKARIOS HE NOT SWORN IN AND HIS USE OF TERM "EX-PRESIDENT" IN REFERRING TO MAKARIOS IN PRESS CONFERENCE. AMB SAID HE THOUGHT LEGALISMS COULD NOT APPLY AND SIMPLE FORMULA THAT IN PRESENT CINRUMSTANCES QUESTION OF RECOGNITION DOES NOT ARISE SEEMED SOUND AND CONSITUION PROVIDED BASE FOR DEALING WITH CLERIDES ON ACTING BASIS.

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